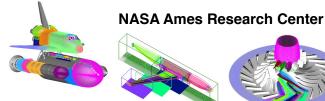


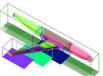


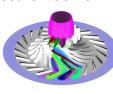


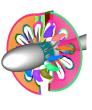
CHIMERA GRID TOOLS TUTORIAL

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TUTORIAL OVERVIEW

- Chimera Grid Tools (CGT)
- Introduction
- Pre-processing
- Post-processing
- Chimera Components Connectivity Program (C3P)
- Pre-Processing Script Creation (grid generation, input preparation for domain connectivity, flow solver, loads integration)
- High Lift CRM (Component Centric Approach)
- Generic Rocket (Grid Centric Approach)

A more detailed OVERGRID demo is available at:

The OVERGRID Graphical User Interface in Chimera Grid Tools (Parts 1, 2, 3)

http://www.nas.nasa.gov/publications/ams/2014/05-13-14.html http://www.nas.nasa.gov/publications/ams/2014/05-20-14.html http://www.nas.nasa.gov/publications/ams/2014/05-29-14.html

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OVERVIEW OF CHIMERA GRID TOOLS

TYPICAL MODELING AND SIMULATION PROCESS **USING OVERSET GRIDS** CAD model of Results (aerodynamic loads, flow features, geometry 6-dof motion, etc.) **CGT.** Pointwise. **CGT.** Overture. Fieldview. Overture, etc. Tecplot, Ensight Overset surface Flow solution grids Overflow. Overture. CGT, Pointwise, Overture, etc. LAVA, etc. Pegasus5, Overflow/DCF. Suggar++, Grid connectivity information Overset volume Pundit, (iblanks, interpolation stencils) grids Overture. C₃P

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CHIMERA GRID TOOLS (CGT) Version 2.1

What is CGT

 A collection of software tools for pre- and post-processing of overset grid CFD computations

CHIMERA GRID TOOLS CHIMERA GRID TOOLS SCRIPT LIBRARY Level 1 Macros Level 2 Macros Configuration Scripts OVERROID OVERRUT OVERSMART GRID GENERATION TOOLS GRID AND SOLUTION UTILITIES TOOLS LIBRARIES OF COMMON ROUTINES (FORTRAIIC)

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Availability (https://software.nasa.gov/software/ARC-16025-1A)

- U.S. citizens/permanent residents working under U.S. organization in the U.S.
- Fill out and return Software Usage Agreement form
- Source (Linux, Unix, Mac OS-X)
- Executables (Mac 10.5, Windows-XP)
- Version 2.1+ available for use by authors' associated projects

EXECUTABLES

Run configure script to generate Makefiles

configure -- help (get list of options)

Executables

- single precision \sum_{\sim}
 - L ~ 60 independent pre/post processing tools
- double precision \(\int \)
- og (overgrid executable)
- smart.so (oversmart shared library)

Big/Little Endian Unformatted File I/O

- controlled by environment variable (ifort, gfortran)
- controlled by compiler flag (pgf90)
- conversion using p3dConvert or overConvert

OVERGRID can auto-detect single/double precision, big/little endian

Script Library – about 230 Tcl procedures

INSTALLATION, DOCUMENTATION, TUTORIALS

Installation software requirements

- Fortran 90 compiler (ifort, gfortran 4.4+, pgf90)
- C compiler (gcc, icc, pgcc)
- OpenGL, X11, TcI/Tk libraries (OVERGRID)
 TcI/Tk 8.5.8 or earlier for CGT 2.1

Tcl/Tk 8.5.19 / 8.6.6 or earlier for CGT 2.1+

- Python, swig, matplotlib package or gnuplot (OVERSMART)
- Tcl wish, xmgrace or gnuplot (OVERPLOT)

Installation instructions

- chimera2.1/doc/{INSTALLATION.html, overgrid.html}

Documentation

- chimera2.1/doc/man.html

Recommended tutorials

- chimera2.1/gui/tutorial/* (OVERGRID)
- chimera2.1/examples/scriptlib/* (CGT script library)

PRE-PROCESSING STEPS AND BEST PRACTICE

Task: Given complex geometry definition, create grids and input files needed for overset grid CFD analysis

- Grid file containing overset volume grids and iblanks
- Input file for
 - Domain connectivity program
 - Flow solver with boundary conditions for each grid
 - Forces and moments integration on components of interest
- Coupled physics
 - Prescribed/6-DOF dynamics for relative motion problems
 - Species convection
 - Structural deformation

Best practice:

- Develop pre-processing script to create all input files needed above
- Use CGT's OVERGRID to check and visualize individual steps
- Use CGT's Script Library to record steps into script
- Use small number of independent parameters (e.g., pick Δs_{max} , express Δs at curve end points as $\kappa \Delta s_{max}$, $0 < \kappa < 1$)
- Check grid quality (individual and collection) using variety of tools

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PRE-PROCESSING USING CGT

Geometry Creation and Manipulation

Surface Grid Generation

- on triangulation or CAD
- algebraic, hyperbolic

Volume Grid Generation

- near-body curvilinear (hyperbolic)
- off-body Cartesian

Domain Connectivity Inputs

- Xray map creation and hole-cut instructions
- PEGASUS5
- C3P

Flow Solver Inputs (OVERFLOW)

- boundary conditions
- component hierarchy and prescribed/6-DOF dynamics
- prescribed dynamics animation (overgrid)

GEOMETRY INPUT

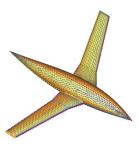
Native CAD (Pro-E, Catia V5, Parasolid, OpenCASCADE, SolidWorks, UniGraphics, FELISA, STEP, IGES)

- Create surface triangulation representation and surface curves using
- Commercial software: ANSA, Pointwise
- CAPRI library (CADNexus) as interface to convert native CAD parts, need CAD license and CAPRI users license
- EGADS (open source from Bob Haimes) as interface
- CGT surface grid generator has option to project back to original CAD but usually a fine surface triangulation is sufficient

Surface Triangulation

- CART3D (.tri, .triq) (.trix in CGT 2.1+)
- UCD (.ucd)
- FAST (.fst)
- STL (.stl), FRO (.fro) (CGT 2.1+)

Structured Surface Grids (PLOT3D format)



GEOMETRY CREATION

Script Library has macros to create

Combine with basic macros to

Points

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- Straight lines
- Analytic curves
- Cylinders
- Frustums
- Cartesian boxes
- Airfoil shapes
- > NACA 4 and 5 digit series
- > PARSEC (CGT 2.1+)

generate more complex shapes

- Translate
- Scale
- Rotate
- Mirror
- Extract
- Concatena
- Revolve
- **Duplicate**

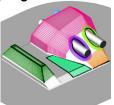


MOST COMMONLY USED GRID TOOLS

GRIDED – Structured grid editing tool with ~ 40 functions for structured arid manipulation and processing

TRIGED – Unstructured surface triangulation editing tool with ~ 30 functions for triangulation manipulation and processing

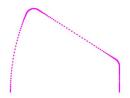
and algebraic surface grid generator



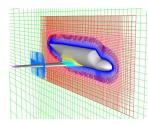
SURGRD - Hyperbolic HYPGEN - Hyperbolic volume grid generator



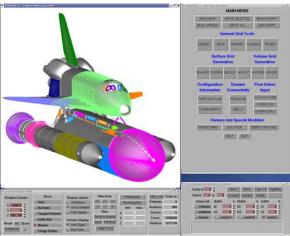
SRAP – Grid point redistribution



BOXGR – Cartesian volume grid generator



OVERGRID



Supported platforms - Linux, Mac OS-X, Windows-XP

- CAD interface via CAPRI

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- Geometry/grid processing (structured quads, triangulations)
- Grid processing, redistribution, projection
- Surface and volume grid generation (TFI, hyperbolic, Cartesian)
- Hole cutter generation
- Grid diagnostics
- Flow solver inputs and b.c. preparation
- Multi-component dynamics input/animation
- Standard atmosphere, mass properties, 6-dof input calculators
- Simple solution viewer
- Debris trajectory inputs
- Strand/AMR Cartesian grid viewer

CGT SCRIPT LIBRARY

~ 230 Tcl macros, 10x more compact, > 3x faster development time

Low - Mid Level

- File manipulation (e.g., combine files, format conversion,...)
- Geometry creation (e.g., points, lines, analytic curves, cylinders,...)
- Grid information (e.g., interrogate grid dimensions, coordinates, arc lengths, formats,...)
- Grid editing (e.g., extract, concatenate, split, duplicate, swap/ reverse indices, scale, translate, rotate, mirror, revolve, ...)
- Grid redistribution
- Surface grid generation (TFI and hyperbolic)
- Volume grid generation (hyperbolic and Cartesian)
- X-ray hole cutter generation and hole cut instructions creation
- Pegasus5 and C3P input preparation
- Force/moments computation inputs
- OVERFLOW boundary conditions inputs and namelist i/o

Top Level

- Grid centric approach (Configuration Management Scripts)
- Component centric approach

PRE-PROCESSING STRATEGY USING SCRIPTS

Scripting approach

- Rapid replay of all steps
- Easy to parameterize inputs (e.g., grid stretching, spacings, etc.)
- Easy to make small changes
- Recommended even for one-of-a-kind cases
- Modification needed if surface topology changes



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- Generate grids from surface triangulation geometry representation and surface curves derived from native CAD. STEP or IGES

Volume Grid Generation

Surface Grid Generation

- Near-body hyperbolic grids, off-body Cartesian grids

Domain Connectivity, Force/Moments Computation, Flow Solver Inputs

- Construct and store common database in script (boundary conditions, component definitions, etc.)

SCRIPT DEVELOPMENT USING WORKING TEAM

- Identify components of a complex configuration where a component is a geometric part modeled by one or more grids
- Create stand-alone script for each component
- Generation of surface and volume grids
- Domain connectivity inputs (X-ray maps)
- Solver boundary conditions
- Forces and moments integration inputs
- ferent developers.
- Each component script can be created by different developers, where each is responsible for grid connectivity within component
- Use file repository system to update script so that each team member can get most up-to-date version of each script
- Share global parameters file (e.g., wall spacing, stretching ratio,...)
- Create master script to call component scripts, assemble final grid system, generate input files for domain connectivity, force/moment integration, flow solver

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POST-PROCESSING USING CGT

Forces and Moments Computation (mixsur/overint, usurp)

Solution Convergence Analysis

- Solution/turb. model residuals, forces/moments
- One page overview (oversmart)
- Individual plots (overplot)

Flow Visualization (overgrid)

- Scalar and vector functions
- Turb. model dependent variables, species partial densities
- Unsteady 2-D flow and dynamics animation

Component Line Loads (triload)

- Cumulative line loads
- Sectional Cp

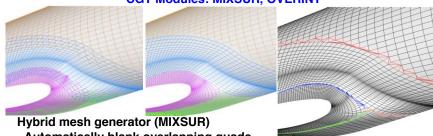
Dynamics Animation (overgrid)

- 6-DOF dynamics output from flow solver

OVERINT LOCAL LOADS OUTPUT FILES

- Surface distributions of local forces and moments
- Four unstructured surface triangulation files, each with cell-centered scalar variables (extended CART3D .i.tri format)
 - (1) Cell ∆F
 - (2) Cell ΔF / Cell area
 - (3) Cell ∆M
 - (4) Cell ∆M / Cell area
- Scalars: X, Y, Z components of forces/moments total magnitude, pressure, viscous, momentum contributions local cell area

FORCES/MOMENTS INTEGRATION APPROACH 1 -INTEGRATE ON HYBRID SURFACE MESH **CGT Modules: MIXSUR, OVERINT**



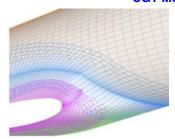
- Automatically blank overlapping quads
- Automatically fill narrow gap with triangles
- Very fast but may sometimes contain a few bad triangles (690 surface grids, 3 million+ surface points, 39 sec., 1 proc.)

Integration tool (OVERINT)

- Integrates on non-overlapping quads and triangles
- Integrates linear function exactly

Chan, W. M., Enhancements to the Hybrid Mesh Approach to Surface Loads Integration On Overset Structured Grids, AIAA Paper 2009-3990

FORCES/MOMENTS INTEGRATION APPROACH 2 -**INTEGRATE ON WEIGHTED QUADS CGT Module: USURP**



 $W_1 = 1$ Polygon subtraction $W_2 = (A_0 - A_{OV})/A_0$

> A_0 = Area of quadrilateral A_{OV} = Area of overlap

Quad panel weights calculator and integrator (USURP)

- Automatically computes panel weight for each guad
- Always returns a result by integrating over all quads
- No hybrid mesh => no visual checks
- Does not integrate linear function exactly
- Also has standalone and OVERFLOW modes

Boger, D. and Dreyer, J., Prediction of Hydrodynamic Forces and Moments for Underwater Vehicles Using Overset Grids, AIAA Paper 2006-1148

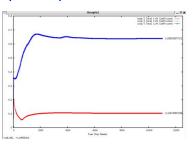
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in 3-D

SOLUTION CONVERGENCE: OVERPLOT

Forces/Moments Panel (.fomoco)



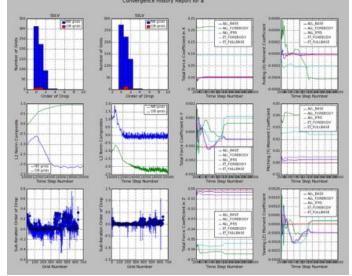


- Single coefficient plot with option to add more coefs.
- Six coefficients matrix plot (Fx, Fy, Fz, Mx, My, Mz)

SOLUTION CONVERGENCE: OVERSMART SUMMARY PAGE

Space Shuttle Launch Vehicle

10,000 Time Steps, 636 Grids, 3-Sub-iterations (resid file: 19 million lines)



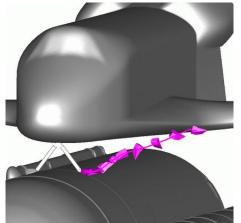
SOLUTION VISUALIZATION

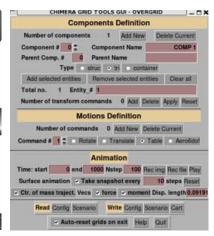
- 6-DOF component trajectories
- Flow variables
 - Surface triangulations
 - vertex and cell-centered scalars
 - Overset structured surface and volume grids
 - steady (scalars and vectors)
 - unsteady (scalars)
 - 2-D moving body with adaptive grids (scalars)

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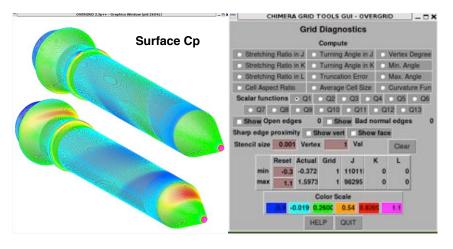
COMPONENT TRAJECTORIES VISUALIZATION FROM SIX-DOF COMPUTATIONS (OVERGRID module)





VISUALIZATION OF VERTEX-CENTERED DATA ON SURFACE TRIANGULATIONS

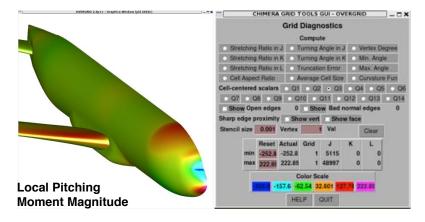
Standard CART3D triq file



VISUALIZATION OF CELL-CENTERED DATA ON SURFACE TRIANGULATIONS

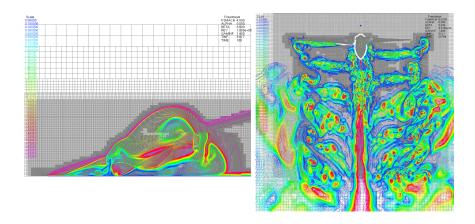
Recent addition: Extended CART3D tri file with cell-centered scalars

Local forces/moments tri file output from OVERINT



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SOLUTION VISUALIZATION

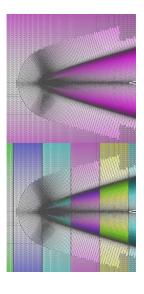


2-D with unsteady adaption

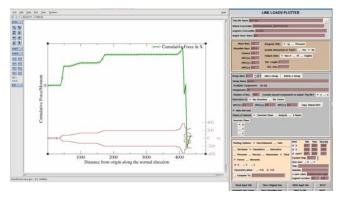
3-D with unsteady adaption

TRILOAD: LINE LOADS

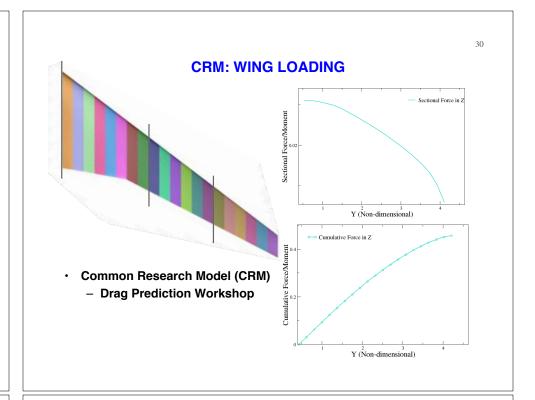
- Extract: surface triangulation (with solution) from structured, unstructured or overset to compute sectional loads.
- · Slice-up: the input triangulation.
- Interpolate: solution data to newly introduced vertices.
- · Integrate: forces/moments on each slice.
- Compute: Sectional loads, Cp vs. X along sectional boundaries.



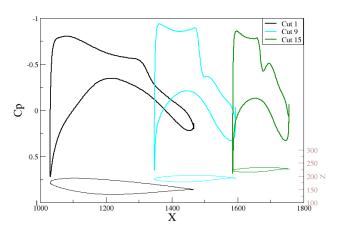
- · Command line: Development, debugging.
- · GUI: For single, interactive run (setup).



· Script: Post-processing a database of solutions.



CRM WING: CP VS. X



OVERVIEW OF CHIMERA COMPONENTS

CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM (C3P)

CHIMERA COMPONENTS CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM (C3P)



- Perform domain connectivity for a set of structured overset surface or volume grids
- Components are defined from a set of grid subsets or input triangulations
- Each near-body grid wall subset is associated with a component
- Component hole cutters can cut
- grid points associated with other components
- grid points in any off-body grid
- grid points away from the surface of its own component

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C3P INPUT AND OUTPUT

Input

- Structured surface or volume grid file (PLOT3D)
- Input parameters file
- Global (symmetry, number of fringe layers, ...)
- Boundary conditions for each grid (same as flow solver with additional tag to indicate component name for each solid wall)
- Special inputs for components or grids to override defaults

Output

- PLOT3D grid file with iblanks (spatially variable hole cut)
- Interpolation stencil file (INTOUT or XINTOUT)
- Various diagnostic information (min hole cut, stencil quality table,..)

C3P ALGORITHM

- Auto construct triangulation with auto closure of open boundaries if necessary for each defined component
- Construct minimum hole using standard X-ray map of each component with exact ray cast test for points near the surface
- Construct Cartesian map of component wall distance function using accurate computation near surface and fast sweeping scheme away from surface
- Use heuristic rules to perform hole boundary offset from minimum hole for near-body grids
- Use donor stencil map of near-body grids to offset hole boundaries for off-body grids
- Perform orphan points removal iterations by perturbing hole boundaries

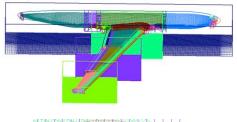
C3P FEATURES

- Auto creation of standard X-rays file
- Auto creation of grid subsets cuttable by each X-ray (overridable)
- Auto detection of external versus internal cutters
- Auto blanking between off-body Cartesian meshes with appropriate overlap layers
- Domain connectivity check for surface grids
- Option to specify explicit hole cut regions in physical and index space
- OpenMP parallelization
- Auto output of standard X-rays, hole cutter instructions with constant offset distances in format to be used as first estimate for DCF inputs in OVERFLOW flow solver
- Low memory requirement
- Low I/O

Available under beta test agreement from NASA Ames for U.S. citizens or permanent residents working for U.S. organization in the U.S.

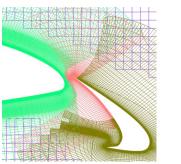
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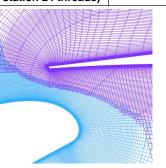
C3P RECENT TEST CASES High Lift CRM

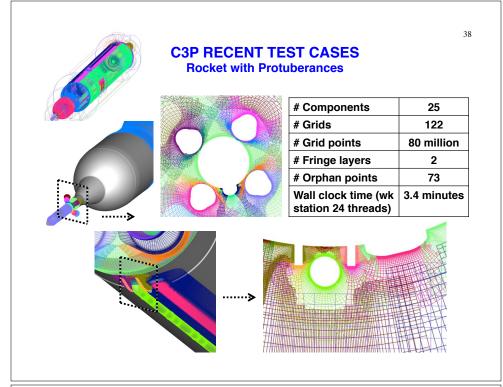


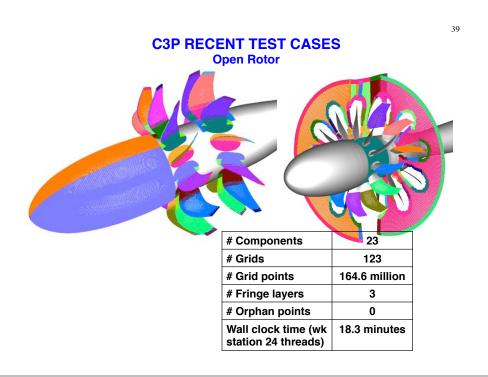
# Components	5
# Grids	72
# Grid points	73 million
# Fringe layers	2
# Orphan points	15
Wall clock time (wk station 24 threads)	3.3 minutes

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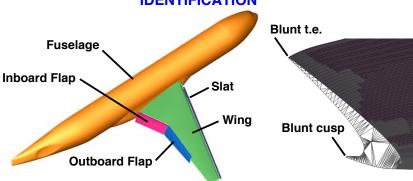






PRE-PROCESSING SCRIPT DEVELOPMENT FOR HIGH LIFT CRM

COMPONENTS AND FEATURE SIZE IDENTIFICATION



- Component characteristic lengths (slat, wing, flap chords)
- Small geometric feature sizes
 - slat, wing, flap trailing edge thickness
 - slat, wing cusp thickness
 - gap between: inboard flap and fuselage, slat and wing, wing and flaps, inboard and outboard flaps

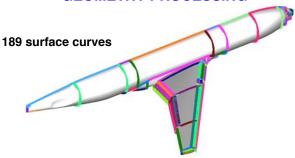
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COMPONENT-CENTRIC MANAGEMENT SCRIPTS

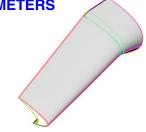
- Develop script for each component
- Create all surface and volume grids for component
- All surface grids for component reside in one file
- All volume grids for component reside in one file
- Create X-ray maps for component and write to one file
- Write flow solver boundary conditions for grids in component to one file
- Write force/moment inputs for component to one file
- Well suited for components with repeated parts
- Well suited for X-ray map approach for connectivity
- Executable individually or from a master script
- Develop master script to
- Combine grids and X-maps to one file
- Process component files and write input files for domain connectivity, force/moment computation, flow solver

GEOMETRY PROCESSING



- Read STEP or IGES file into ANSA
- Generate unstructured surface triangulation (STL or advancing front)
- control using max dihedral angle, cell size, chord deviation
- Paint triangles in each region separated by surface feature curves and CAD edges with different integer ID tags
- Write triangulation in STL format, convert to CART3D format (TRIGED)
- Use SEAMCRT module in Chimera Grid Tools to extract surface features curves in PLOT3D format
- Resulting curves are point matched with surface triangulation vertices

GLOBAL CONTROL PARAMETERS



NFRINGE = number of fringe layers (2 for 5-point stencil in flow solver)

 Np_{min} = minimium number of points on a curve (5)

 $SR_{max} = max stretching ratio (1.2)$

 Δs_{max} = max grid spacing (0.5% of global bounding box diagonal)

 Δs at various curve end points expressed as scale factor times Δs_{max}

Δs_{wall} = normal grid spacing at wall (Reynolds number dependent)

TYPICAL COMPONENT SCRIPT PROCESSES

Given component surface triangulation and initial curves

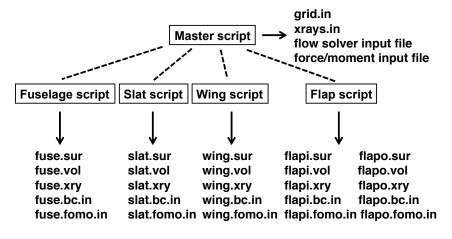
- Split curves into individual files (t.1, t.2, ..., t.n)
- Identify four-sided domains for TFI fill
- Identify initial curves for hyperbolic marching
- Redistribute grid points on curves with appropriate clustering at sharp edges, and matching point counts on opposite sides of four-sided domains
- Perform TFI surface grid generation on sets of redistributed curves
- Determine marching distances for hyperbolic grids and perform grid generation
- Concatenate appropriate algebraic and hyperbolic grid parts to form surface grids (root.sur)
- Create hyperbolic volume grids (root.vol)
- Create component X-ray maps (root.xry)
- Create and write boundary conditions and cuttee grid groups of component grids to root.bc.in
- Create and write force/moment component subsets to root.fomo.in

TYPICAL MASTER SCRIPT PROCESSES

Given component list with rootnames a, b, c, ...

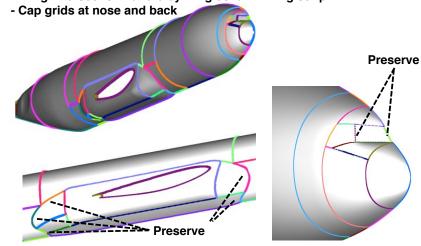
- Combine surface grids (a.sur, b.sur, ...) to one file (grid.sur)
- Combine volume grids (a.vol, b.vol, ...) to one file (grid.in)
- Combine X-ray maps (a.xry, b.xry, ...) to one file (xrays.in)
- Process or specify hole cut instructions for each X-ray cutter cuttee grid list, and offset distance
- Process bc files (a.bc.in, b.bc.in, ...)
- Process fomo files (a.fomo.in, b.fomo.in, ...)
- Write input file for domain connectivity using C3P
- Write input file for force/moment computation using MIXSUR/OVERINT or USURP
- Write input file for OVERFLOW (includes domain connectivity inputs using X-rays, and all flow solver inputs)

MASTER AND COMPONENT SCRIPTS FOR HIGH LIFT CRM



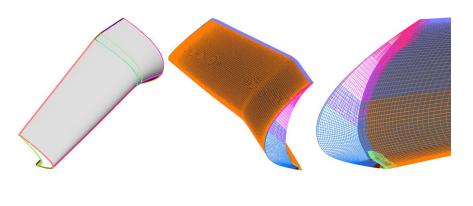
FUSELAGE COMPONENT SCRIPT

- Preserve open boundary on symmetry plane
- Preserve sharp crease lines around cockpit and wing bulge
- Wing intersection handle by wing collar in wing script



SLAT COMPONENT SCRIPT

- Finite thickness cusp and trailing edge
- Wrap around mesh on main element split into two (avoid periodic direction for OVERFLOW grid adaption later)
- Cap grids over root and tip
 (5 grids each to capture all sharp edges efficiently)



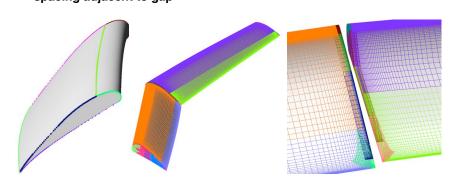
FLAP COMPONENT SCRIPT

- Inboard and outboard flaps have same topology => one proc to handle both
- Finite thickness trailing edge

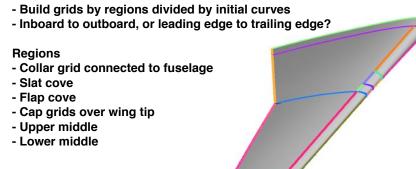
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- No leading edge curve from geometry definition, use fine spacing all around since wake capture is important
- Tight gap between inboard and outboard flaps => use tight spanwise spacing adjacent to gap



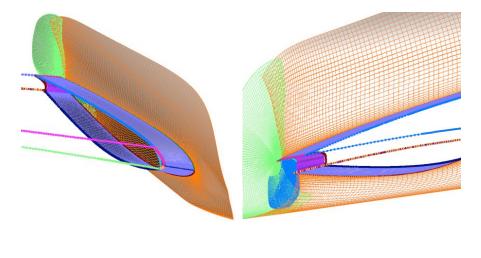
WING COMPONENT SCRIPT Regions

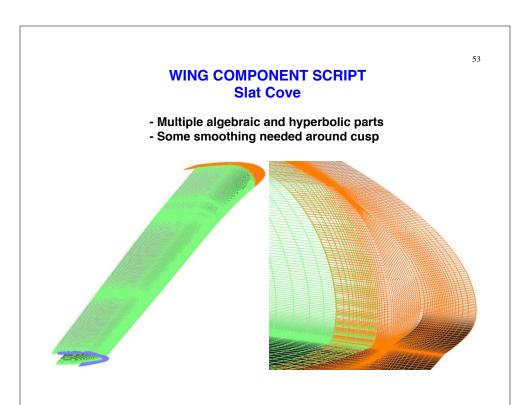


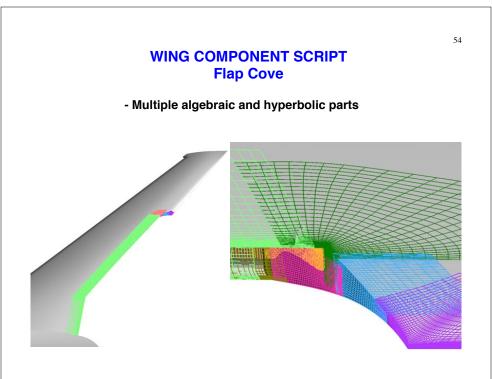
WING COMPONENT SCRIPT Wing Fuselage Collar

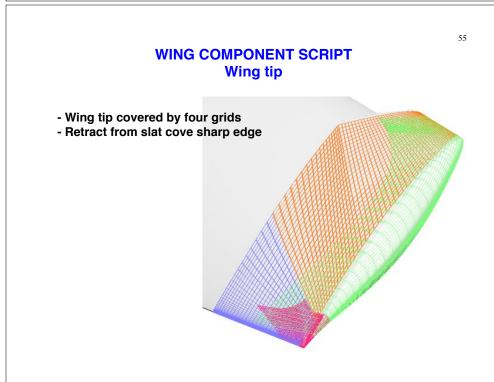
- Three collars: main, trailing edge and flap cove

- Retract from slat cove sharp edge



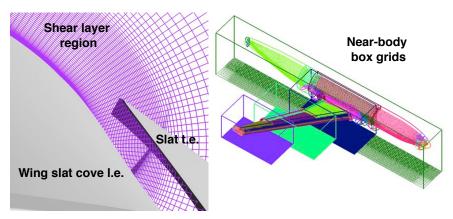








VOLUME GRIDS



Wing and flap volume grids have 4 layers in normal directions

- 1. Three cells of constant spacing at wall
- 2. Stretched from wall spacing to shear layer spacing
- 3. Shear layer region with uniform spacing
- 4. Stretched from shear layer spacing to outer spacing

C3P hole boundary

DCF hole boundary

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PRE-PROCESSING SCRIPT DEVELOPMENT FOR **GENERIC ROCKET**

GRID VS. COMPONENT-**CENTRIC**

DOMAIN CONNECTIVITY

Slice through flap leading edge and wing trailing edge region

Configuration:

- Grid-centric
- · Written for static geometries
- · Rules must be followed
 - · Set root names
 - · Define input variables, defaults
 - · Surface files: *.srf
 - Volume files: *.vol
 - Each file contains 1 grid
- Framework provided
- Short master script
 - BuildSurf
 - BuildVol
 - BuildPeg5i
- · Peg5, X-rays supported

- Component-centric
- · Written for repeated components and moving-body cases
- · Rules must be developed by each user
 - · Best practices:
 - · Define input variables
 - Flexible/recommended filenames:
 - *.sur, *.cut, *.vol, *.xrv
 - Each file contains 1 component (Any number of grids)
- Framework contained in a master script
- · Longer master script
 - · Contains all calls for surface, volume, and connectivity according to user's choice.
- · Supports Peg5, X-rays, C3P

GRID-CENTRIC SCRIPTING

Step 1: Setup directory structure Surface Meshing Scripts, Makefile Similar to CRM example, but in sub-directories

Step 2: Config.tcl
Root names for all grids
Example:
set rootname=

fuse/nose \
fuse/mainfuse \
fuse/rear \
wing/wbcollar \
wing/mainwing \
wing/tip

GRID-CENTRIC SCRIPTING

Step 3: Inputs.tcl

Geometry parameters:

Size of a parametric part, location of a component, etc.

Shared surface meshing parameters:

Fuselage spacing so the wing collar can match it.

Volume meshing parameters:

Wall spacing, outer spacing, stretching

Component-specific spacings or boundary conditions.

Box grid sizing.

Hole cut instructions for X-rays

Step 3: Inputs.tcl (continued)

FOMOCO inputs:

Defaults for reference length, area, etc. and priority for specific surfaces

Overflow inputs:

Mach, α, Re, CFLmax, etc.

Step 4: Master Script

BuildSurf

BuildVol

BuildPlot -srf -vol

BuildPeg5i

run Pegasus

BuildMixsuri

run Mixsur